Wisconsin CHANGE for Healthy Communities

The **C**ommunity **H**ealth **A**ssessment a**N**d **G**roup **E**valuation (CHANGE) is a data-collection, coalition building and planning resource for coalitions and other community partnerships who want to make their community a healthier place to live, work, learn and play. The CHANGE Tool was developed by CDC's Healthy Communities Program to help gather and organize information on indicators related to built and social environments that support healthy eating, active living, tobacco-free living, and chronic disease management. The CHANGE tool helps community teams develop a community action plan after collecting and prioritizing information from multiple settings in the community.

The CHANGE tool serves the following main purposes:

- Identify community strengths and areas for improvement
- Identify and understand the status of community health needs
- Define improvement areas to guide the community towards population-based strategies that create a healthier environment (e.g., increased physical activity, improved nutrition, reduced tobacco use and exposure, and chronic disease management)
- Assist with prioritizing community needs and consider appropriate allocation of available resources

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Website:
http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/health/physicalactivity/index.htm

CHANGE Tool:
http://www.cdc.gov/healthycommunitiesprogram/tools/change.htm

Funded Coalitions

- Ashland/Bayfield County Nutrition, Physical Activity and Obesity Prevention Coalition
- Jefferson County Healthy Community Coalition
- Friends of Hank Aaron Trail
- Jackson in Action
- Healthy People Lincoln County
- Northwood's LEAN Linking Education Activity and Nutrition
- Pierce County Public Health/HEAL Coalition
- Wellness Coalition of Taylor County
- W3 - Working for Whitewater's Wellness
- Iowa County Health Coalition
- Waupaca County NuAct
- Waushara County Wellness Coalition

Deliverables

- Participate in Trainings & Teleconferences
- Assemble a Community Team
- Develop a Team Strategy for Collecting and Analyzing Data
- Use the CHANGE Tool in all Sectors
- Create a CHANGE Summary Statement
- Media Outreach
- Share Findings with Key Decision Makers
- Develop a Community Action Plan based on CHANGE